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QUARTERLY REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN FUNDING UPDATE

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The Regional Humanitarian Funding Update provides a quarterly overview of funding levels and trends in the countries of the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia region, mainly based on data reported to the Financial Tracking System (FTS).

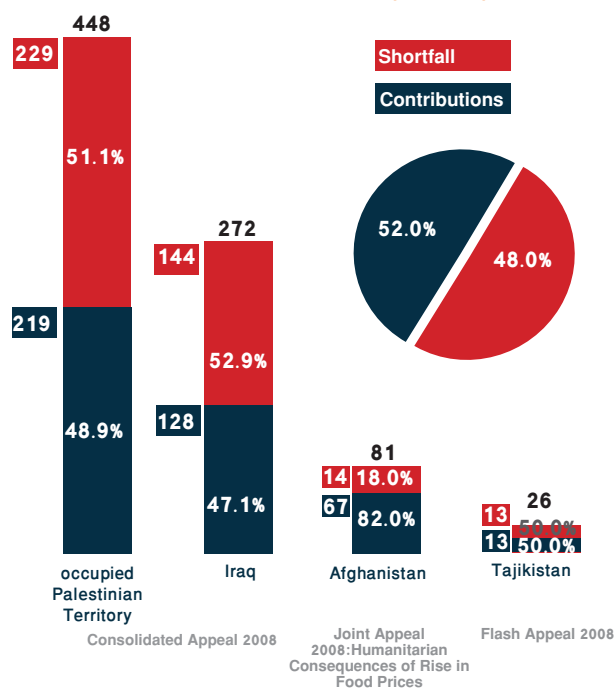
This is the first issue of the quarterly Regional Humanitarian Funding Update, and looks at the current funding levels for Consolidated Appeals and Flash Appeals, as well as trends in allocations from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF). It also provides an overview of funding flows from the region.

OCHA does not claim that the figures in this Update are fully comprehensive.

Main Findings:

- » NGOs remain under-funded in Iraq, having received just 7% (US\$1 million) of the requested amount
- » Countries in the MENACA region gave over US\$ 144 million in aid this quarter. The main recipients of this assistance were China and Sudan. There have also been several large humanitarian pledges, including US\$500 million from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the World Food Programme.
- » The Central Emergency Response Fund provided more than US\$43 million in grants to countries in the MENACA region by the end of the second quarter 2008. The majority of this went to Afghanistan, Iraq and Tajikistan.
- » The largest donor for Tajikistan so far this year is Saudi Arabia, which gave US\$10 million bilaterally.

2008 Contribution & shortfall by country | US\$ millions



Consolidated Appeal for 2008:

In December 2007, the United Nations launched the Consolidated Appeals for 2008, requesting a total of USD 2.8 billion to provide humanitarian assistance to 25 million people in 24 countries. Of the ten appeals launched globally, two are for humanitarian emergencies in the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia (MENACA) region – Iraq and the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt).

The Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) is much more than an appeal for money. It is a tool used by aid organisations (UN agencies, NGOs and governments) to plan, implement and monitor their activities together.

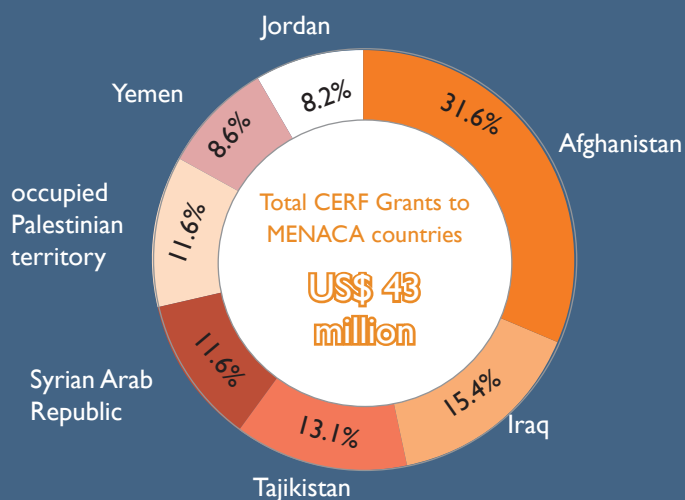
By the end of the Second Quarter of 2008, donors had committed USD 347 million of the USD 720 million (48%) requested for humanitarian response activities in Iraq and oPt. These funds have been given to NGOs, and UN agencies. For the full appeals please visit www.humanitarianappeal.net



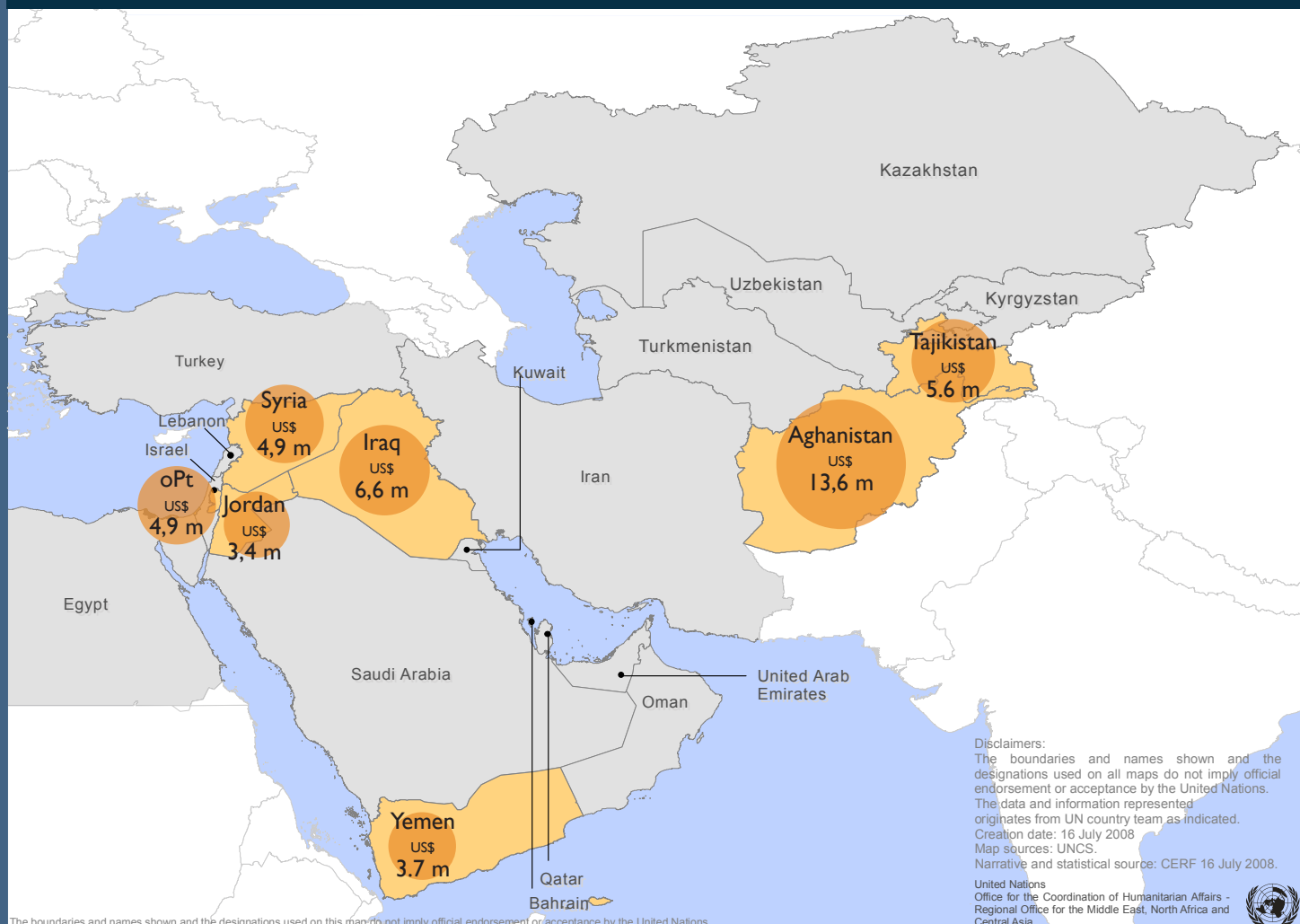
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) January - June 2008

The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) is a stand-by fund established by the United Nations to enable more timely and reliable humanitarian assistance to those affected by natural disasters and armed conflicts.

By the end of the second quarter of 2008, the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) provided more than US\$238 million in rapid response grants and under-funded emergencies. Of that, over US\$43 million (18.07%) was given to countries in the MENACA region, the majority of which went to Afghanistan and Iraq. For more information about the CERF, please visit <http://cerf.un.org>



CERF allocations to the MENACA region January - June 2008



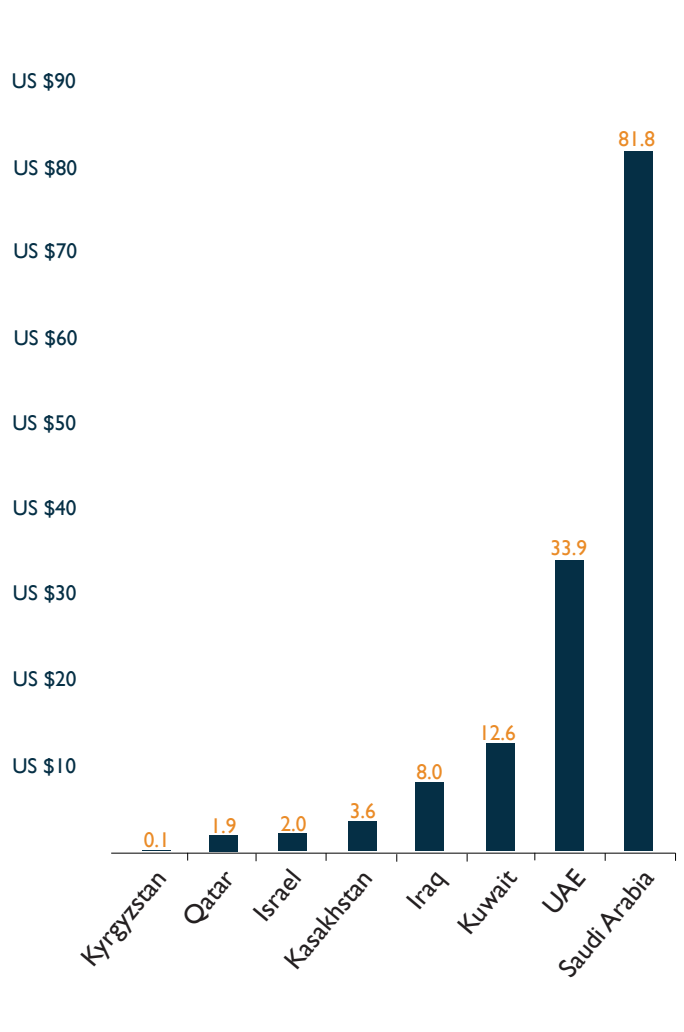
Aid flows from the MENACA region: January - June 2008

Countries in the MENACA region are emerging as some of the largest donors worldwide, with a total of over US\$144 million given in aid in the second quarter of 2008 alone. In addition, there have been large pledges from several countries, including from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait. These are not represented in the charts below since the money has not yet been disbursed.

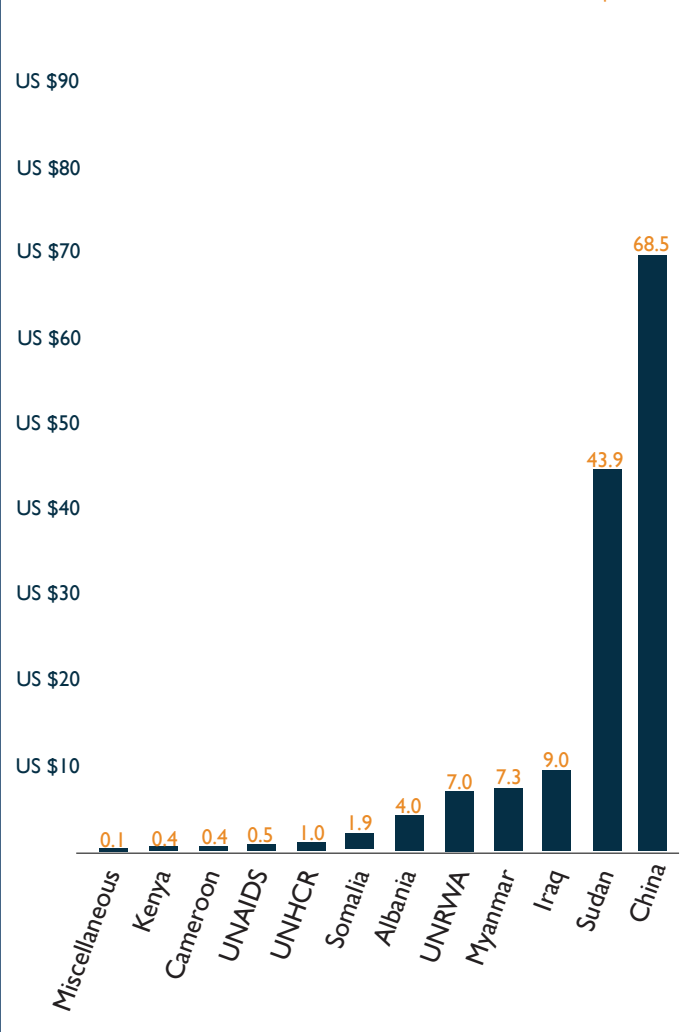
The majority of assistance from the MENACA region was given to China and Sudan; 73% of Saudi Arabia's aid this quarter was given to China, and the assistance to Sudan was almost equally given by Saudi Arabia and the UAE (see Annex 1). In June, the Government of Iraq gave US\$8 million dollars in earmarked contributions to the UNHCR Supplementary Appeal to support Iraqi refugees, earmarked for health and education sectors in Jordan. For more information about these donations, please visit the Financial Tracking Service on <http://ocha.unog.ch/fts2/>

- » On 23 May, Saudi Arabia announced an extraordinary **US\$500 million** donation to WFP, enabling the UN agency to meet its call for **US\$755 million** to compensate for the increased costs of food and fuel.
- » The United Arab Emirates has pledged **US\$50 million** for the relief of quake victims in the Chinese Sichuan province.
- » Kuwait has pledged **US\$100 million** in support to various initiatives in Muslim countries to meet immediate food needs as well as developing their long-term food security

Aid flows from the MENACA region by donor
Amount in US\$ millions



Aid flows from the MENACA region by recipient country
Amount in US\$ millions





IRAQ CAP

Requested: 272 million USD

Funding: 128 million USD

Coverage: 47.10%

Pledges: 2.3 million USD

Figure 1: Requirements and funds per Sector
Report as of 07-July-2008 (Appeal launched on 12-February-2008)

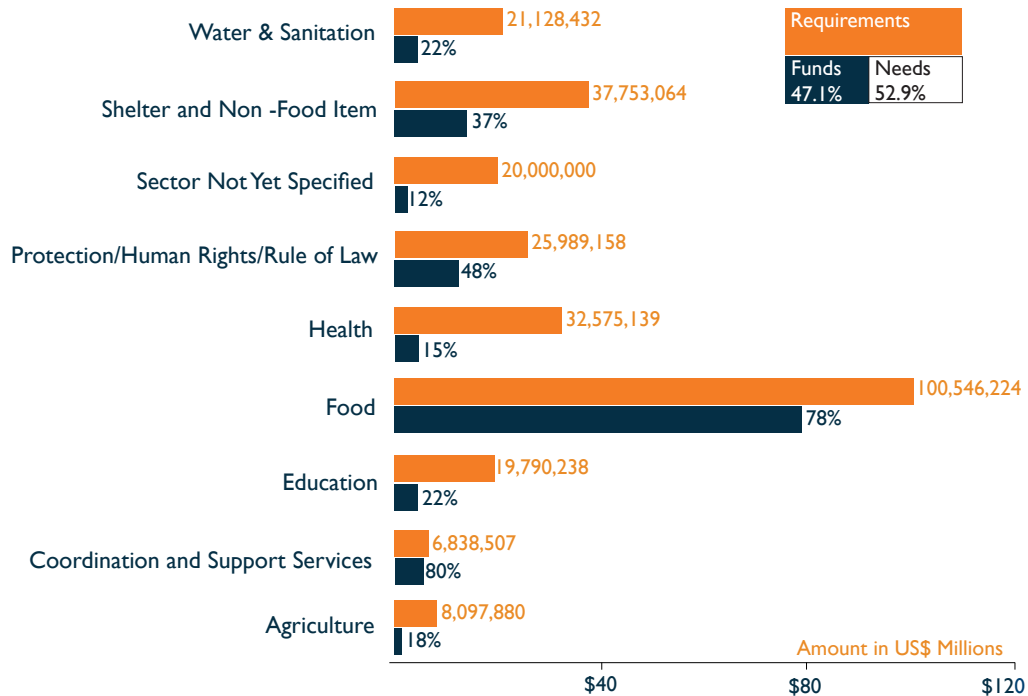
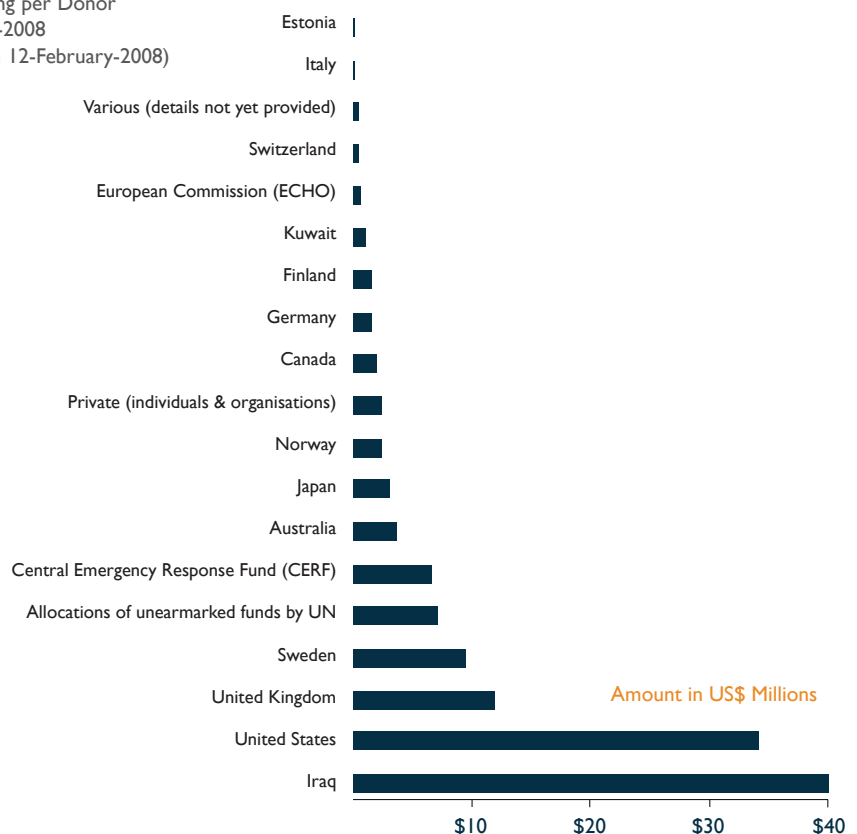


Figure 2: Total Funding per Donor
Report as of 07-July-2008
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IRAQ CAP

So far, the Iraqi Government is the largest donor to the CAP, closely followed by the United States. While the Iraq CAP overall was 47% (\$128 million) funded by the end of June, donors' financial contributions are unevenly allocated across the sectors vis-à-vis their requirements, and key humanitarian sectors face immediate funding shortages. Coordination and support services are 80% funded, while the Health Sector has only had 15% of its appeal met.

Moreover, International and national NGOs in particular lack funding. Ten NGOs participate in the Iraq CAP 2008, with 15 out of a total of 65 projects. Of a total of \$14 million requested by NGOs, funding stands at only 7% (\$1 million). Donors are urged to fund NGO projects as well as larger UN operations, since NGO operations are crucial to reach communities in need.

The mid year review of the Appeal has been released, and can be viewed on <http://ochaonline.un.org/humanitarianappeal/webpage.asp?Page=1667>



occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) CAP

Requested: 448 million USD

Funding: 219 million USD

Coverage: 48.90%

Pledges: 5.0 million USD

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 Report as of 07-July-2008 (Appeal launched on 10-December-2007)

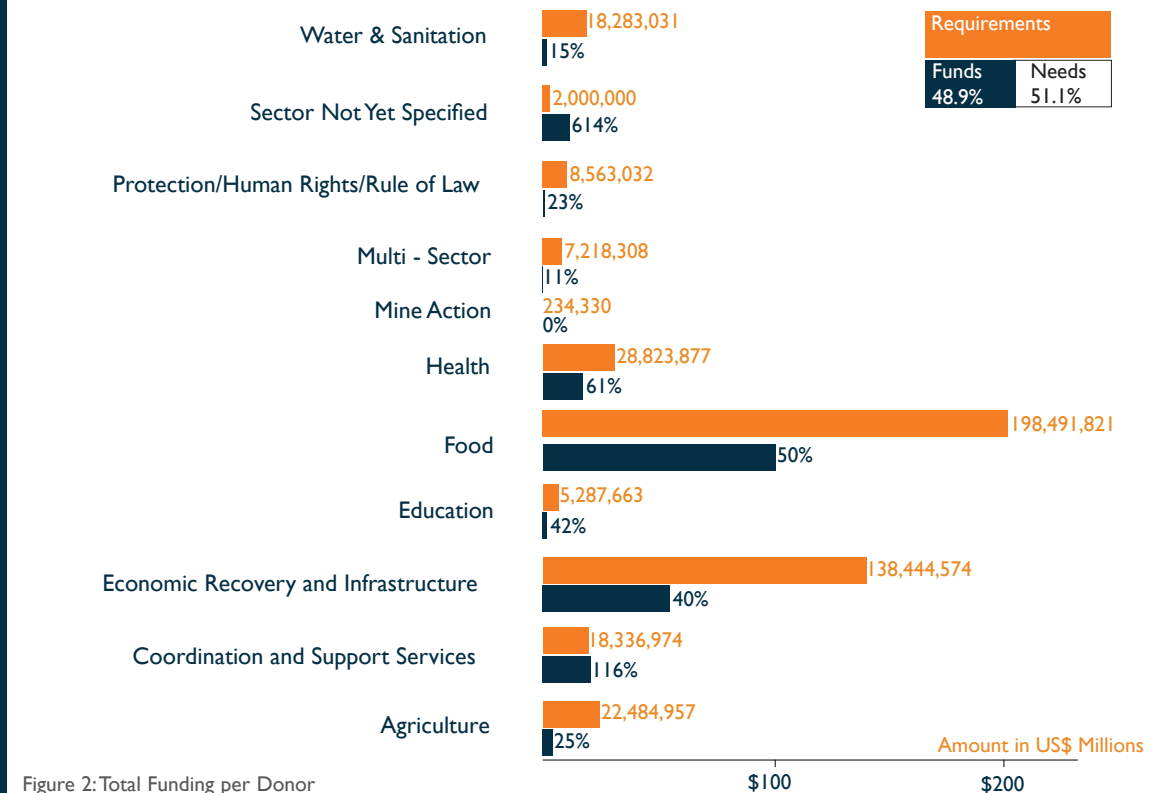
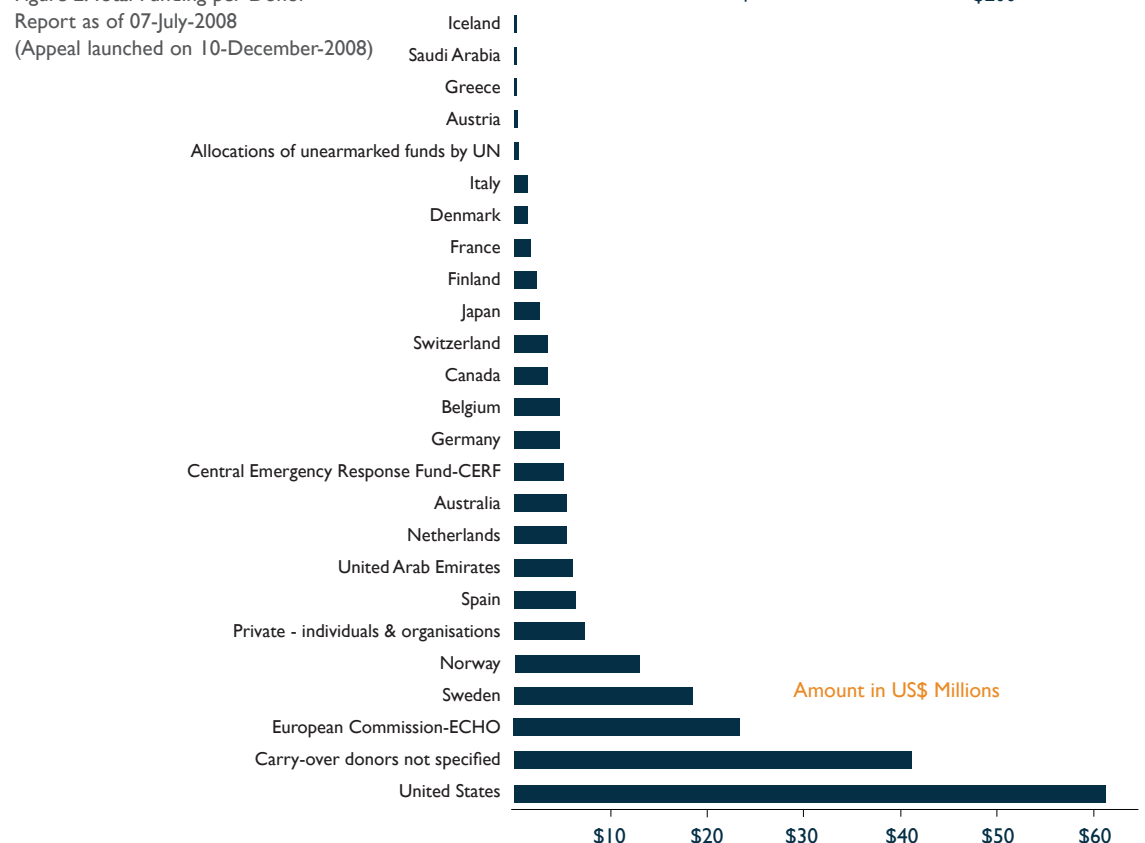


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oPt CAP

At the end of 2007, the humanitarian community predicted a continued degradation of the humanitarian situation in the oPt during 2008, particularly in the Gaza Strip, where the intensified closure since mid-June 2007 has had a devastating impact on the lives of civilians. On 10 December 2007, they launched an Appeal for \$462,121,404, the majority of which was for the food sector.

This Appeal features greater participation of local and international NGOs and Palestinian Authority Ministry staff, compared to the 2007 CAP. So far, the 2008 oPt CAP is funded at 49% overall, but resources are unevenly allocated across the sectors. Whereas the Coordination and Support Services are 116% funded, the Water and Sanitation sector has been given only 15% of the requested amount. The United States remains the largest donor to the oPt CAP, followed by the European Union (ECHO).

The mid-year review of the Appeal has now been released, and can be seen at <http://ochaonline.un.org/humanitarianappeal/webpage.asp?Page=1667>



Tajikistan Flash Appeal

Requested: 26 million USD

Funding: 13 million USD

Coverage: 51.4%

Pledges: 89,643 USD

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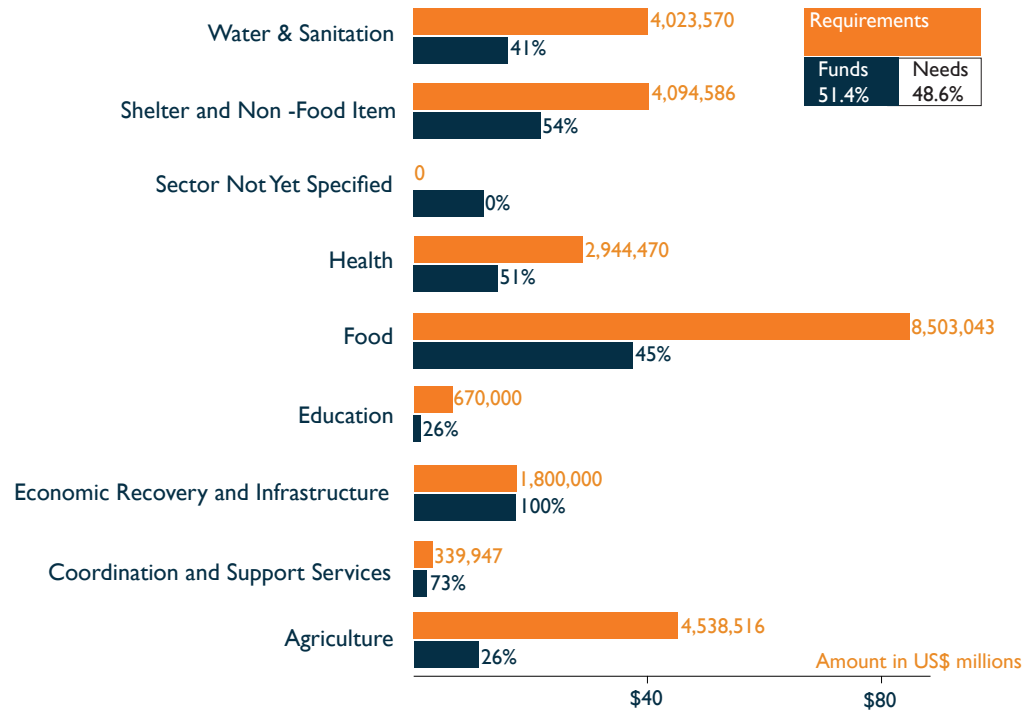
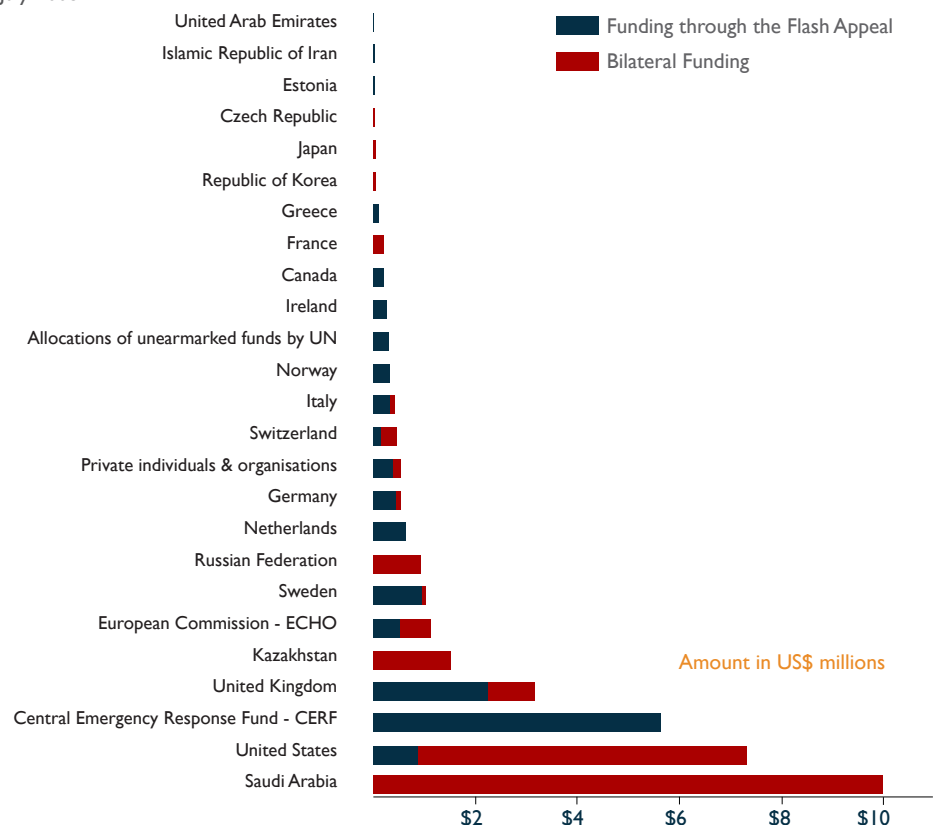


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Tajikistan Flash Appeal

The Flash Appeal, launched in January by the Tajikistan Country Team, is appealing for \$26,803,384 to support the Government in its efforts to address the humanitarian needs arising from a combination of factors, including an unusually cold winter, critical energy shortages and the loss of food and livestock. Assessments show that, cumulatively, the health, lives and livelihoods of two million people have been affected by this compound crisis and require urgent assistance. The Flash Appeal distinguishes between interventions that address immediate life-saving needs and those that are needed to avert or mitigate preventable life-threatening situations during spring and summer.

So far, the Appeal remains 51% funded, with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as the largest donor. The Economic Recovery and Infrastructure is fully funded, while the Agriculture and Education sectors remain under-funded at 26%. For full details of the appeal, please visit <http://ochaonline.un.org/humanitarianappeal/webpage.asp?MenuID=11180&Page=1664>

Afghanistan: Appeal for Humanitarian Consequences of the Rise in Food Prices 2008

In January 2008, the Government of Afghanistan and the United Nations launched a joint appeal for the Humanitarian Consequences of the Rise in Food Prices 2008. The Appeal was for US\$81 million to provide a temporary safety net for 2.55 million beneficiaries.

The CERF gave US\$8 million towards the Appeal, which was 82% funded by the end of the second Quarter. A joint Emergency Appeal will be launched in the 2nd week of July.



Figure 1: Requirements and funds per Sector
Report as of 07-July-2008
(Appeal launched on 24-January-2008)

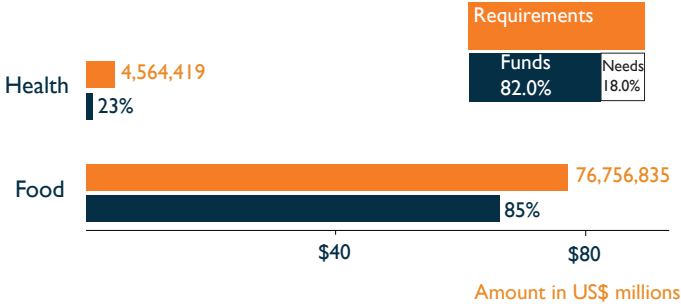
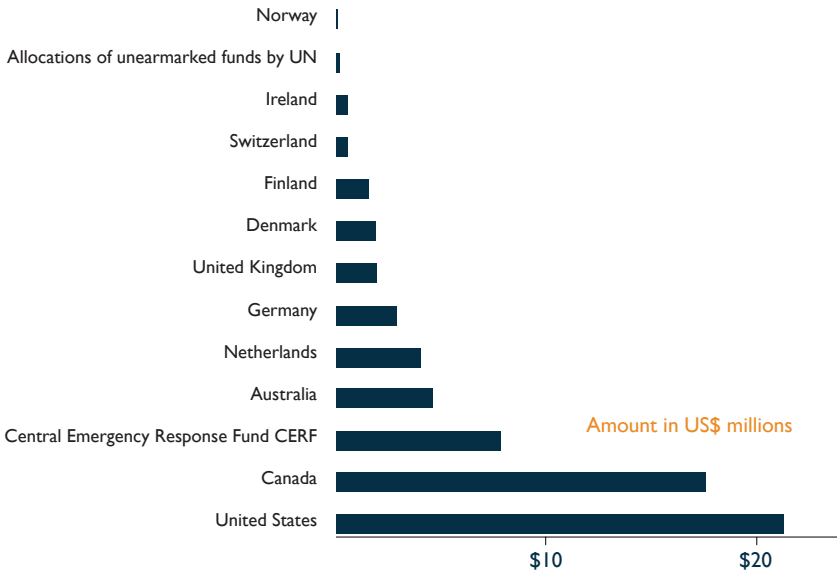


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